

Clinical Placements and Privacy Responsibilities of Students

Student health professionals must sign a Privacy Undertaking and comply with privacy law and all NSW Health policies.

Once signed, students are bound by the same privacy restrictions that govern all health professionals. .

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Students may have access to health records if:

- that access is sought in respect of their clinical education program at the health facility, and
- Approval from the supervisor is obtained.

All information obtained must be under the direction of the supervisor.

Access does not include photocopying or transcribing records containing personal health information, or taking such records off site.

Clients/patients may refuse to have a student participate in their treatment.

Students cannot photocopy, scan, save to USB (or other similar device) or transcribe any element of the clinical record including photography and imaging.

The anonymity of clients/patients should be maintained during case presentations, research activities and university course work. Clinical information should always be de-identified and fictitious data should be used, where and when possible.

Use of photos and other visual aids which allow identification of individuals is not permitted unless the material is of critical importance and prior consent of the client/patient has been obtained.

Students cannot use or present patient information at any forum external to their education program. Forums such as national and state conferences are not allowed.

Further References

Privacy Manual (Version 2) - NSW Health
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